

“GREEN SHEET”

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Meeting/workshop: February 16, 2007 Commission Conference Call
Agenda item: Triploid Trout Distribution
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Background:

The Legislature gave the Agency authority to purchase triploid rainbow trout from private growers in 1999. Because this program has been so popular with anglers, it has been continued every year since. The original legislation required that the Commission approve of the lakes and the number of fish to be stocked. Attached is the 2007 stocking plan.

The list of lakes proposed for stocking is similar to the 2006 plan, with a few changes to enhance fishing opportunities, and to augment lakes that were rehabilitated last fall.

A variety of lakes were chosen to provide a diverse fishing opportunity and geographic balance. There are more fish in the 2007 plan compared to last year due to additional funding provided by the Fish Program to supplement the “Trophy Trout Budget”.

This table compares the triploid program, by year, since it began in 2000.

Year	Budget	Number of Fish	Number of Lakes	Selective Gear Lakes
2000	\$85,000	44,800	43	2
2001	\$175,160	84,000	74	8
2002	\$117,660	51,522	73	9
2003	\$114,420	49,268	78	10
2004	\$124,000	51,311	80	10
2005	\$151,800	61,968	91	10
2006	\$190,000	60,703	95	9
2007	\$252,000	73,460	96	10

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The 2007 Triploid Trout Distribution List was shared with the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group via mail and email. Staff will report on comments provided by the IFPAG.

Actions requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

Approval of the proposed 2007 triploid trout stocking plan.

Draft motion language:

Recommend adoption of the attached 2007 triploid trout stocking plan.

Justification for Commission action:

Approval of the proposed 2007 triploid trout stocking plan will continue the popular program of enhancing recreational opportunities for trout in lowland lakes.